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MARCH CIRCULATION.

W. B. CARR, Business Manager of The St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of March, 1900, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

Date	Copies	Date	Copies
1.....	93,610	17.....	83,720
2.....	82,310	18 Sunday	88,170
3.....	64,540	19.....	80,700
4 Sunday	87,690	20.....	82,570
5.....	82,250	21.....	81,980
6.....	82,610	22.....	81,330
7.....	82,510	23.....	81,580
8.....	63,430	24.....	81,040
9.....	82,360	25 Sunday	87,240
10.....	84,900	26.....	80,690
11 Sunday	87,730	27.....	80,692
12.....	81,810	28.....	79,670
13.....	81,520	29.....	80,690
14.....	81,960	30.....	80,770
15.....	82,70	31.....	82,655
16.....	81,860		
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And said W. B. Carr further says that the number of copies returned or reported unsold during the month of March was 456 per cent.

W. B. CARR,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this thirty-first day of March, 1899.

J. F. FARISH,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo., My term expires April 26, 1901.

NEEDS REGULATING.

The bill introduced into Congress by Representative De Armond to regulate the selection of United States depositaries is in the proper direction. Some such legislation should reach the statute books.

The provision of the measure that the Secretary of the Treasury shall select the depositaries as the result of a public letting, giving preference to the banks which offer the highest rate of interest for the deposits, substitutes free and open competition for personal favoritism and at the same time gives the United States some return for the use of its money.

The provision of the measure prescribing the location of depositaries in sections of the country where money is scarce will enable the Secretary of the Treasury to relieve temporary financial distress in tightened communities.

Recent events have shown that the choice and management of United States depositaries are too important to be left to the unrestricted option of treasury departments.

MERITS CONDEMNATION.

Right-thinking persons the world over, even those who strongly favor the cause of the Boers, will join Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross Society, in condemning these members of the Chicago Ambulance Corps who joined the Boer army after they had secured an entrance to the Transvaal on a pledge that they would do only hospital work.

No country can be held accountable for the action of these men. Their pledge, which induced Miss Barton to intercede for their admission to the Transvaal, exempts both the American and the Portuguese Governments from all blame in the premises. The men who violated their pledges are alone responsible.

The action of the offending members is to be deplored because of the suspicion it will tend to cast for all time on expeditions sincerely designed for relief work. The violation of the Geneva cross on this occasion may seriously handicap the Red Cross Society. Suffering and death may be increased.

Assistance which reaches the Boers in this way can be of little benefit. The cause of the Boers would be stronger without it.

EXAMPLE DISHONORED.

Had the world Powers during the American Revolution taken the position they occupy now in the South African War the American colonies might not have gained their independence and the United States might never have been born. The friendship and assistance of France played a large part in the success of the American colonies. The names of Rochefoucauld, Lafayette and De Grasse are familiar to Americans. At the siege of Yorktown, the final stroke of the war, the entire naval force and 7,000 men of the 40,000 troops engaged on the American side were French.

When Americans reflect on this and then consider the attitude of the United States toward the little Boer Republics they feel a just indignation. The American administration, so far from helping the Boers, has hindered them so vastly that if the Boers meet final defeat they can attribute it in part to the United States.

The sole reliance of the Boers for ultimate success is in the effective mediation or in the intervention, of some foreign Power. The refusal of the McKinley administration to take mediatory action before hostilities began, and the subsequent offer of mediation to fore-

still a movement by European Powers, militated powerfully against the Boers. Some rash Americans are in favor of direct intervention by the United States in the South African War, and there are few indeed who do not insist that, if the neutrality of the United States can at all, it leans forward not against the Boers.

TOM HONORS SAKE.

As a matter of course, Senator Waller of Maryland will be bitterly assailed by the administration imperialists because of his declaration that he will oppose the renomination of President McKinley and refuse to vote for the President if re-nominated.

The Maryland Senator probably realizes that he thus definitely abandons the Republican party as that party is now organized. All that is possible to the President's followers in the way of discrediting Mr. Wellington will now be done. The badge of "treason" already attached to certain other eminent Republicans who have dared to condemn Mr. McKinley's imperialism, will be fastened on to the Marylander with especial emphasis. He has gone farther in his bold denunciation of McKinley than any of his Republican predecessors. He is almost guilty of "desempero" in the eyes of the empire plotters.

There is, however, a ring in Senator Wellington's announcement which will appear to Americans not yet renegades to their Americanism. This man is convinced that he stands at a point in his career where he must choose between party and country. If he chooses to follow his party, his soul's sincere convictions must be stifled and his conscience dulled to paralysis by the lust for party spoils and honors. If he abandons his party for the sake of the safety of his country he must take the chances of the blighting of his career as a Republican leader. It is this latter choice which the more bravely makes.

President McKinley himself is forcing the issue on Republicans of Senator Wellington's temper. Through Mark Hanna and Hanna's control of the syndicate millions that furnish the financial support of present-day Republicanism, Mr. McKinley so completely dominates his party that those who differ from him must leave the party. The President will discover in November that the American people uphold these men who are so faithfully upholding American principles. The indigencies of this truth are too plain to be misunderstood.

PIPE CLAY.

Julian Ralph in his correspondence from South Africa attracts attention to numerous resemblances between the American Rough Rider and the camp worn British trooper.

"The men have lost their helmets or worn them out and are wearing stonel hats," he says. "They ride as our boys do with the horse, as if each man was a part of his steed. They carry their guns any way they please, turned up, turned down or caught up at one side. The officers, without swords and without stars, are as like their men as two pens. The polished brass and the pipe clay are gone from the British army."

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